

**OPINION
57-170**

October 8, 1957 (OPINION)

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

RE: Expenses of Board Members Outside District

We have received your request for an opinion dated October 1, 1957.

Your problem concerns the question of whether a special school district is authorized to pay actual and necessary expenses to a member for attendance at a meeting involving school district business outside the district.

Although the statute only provides for compensation for attending meetings for members of a school board in a special school district, we believe a board under its general powers can authorize attendance and reimburse a member for actual expenses incurred in conducting school district business whenever the board deems it is in the best interests of the school district.

Subsection 10 of section 15-2908 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 empowers a special school district "to defray the necessary and contingent expenses of the board." We believe this subsection confers authority upon the board to pay the type of expense you inquire about.

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